17. Uttar Pradesh
18. Andaman & Nicobar Island
19. Chandigarh
20. Dadra & Nagar Haveli

NRHM in Uttar Pradesh

*96. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under National Rural Health Mission, 65,000 ASHAs were to be selected in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the year 2005-06;

(b) if so, whether this target has been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the status of implementation of NRHM in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) One of the key strategies under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is the provision of an Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) in every village of the ten States with weak infrastructure/demographic indicators. These States are Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal. The number of ASHAs to be selected in these States is 2,50,000. Out of this, 1,00,000 were to be selected in 2005-06. Of this, approximately 27,000 were to be selected in Uttar Pradesh. Against this, the State has reported the selection of 19,887 ASHAs during the period. Though there is a shortfall in the number of ASHAs selected in Uttar Pradesh, overall the target of one lakh ASHAs have been exceeded in ten States.

Panchayat elections in Uttar Pradesh delayed the process of selection. Anyway, the process is an ongoing one and there should not be any difficulty in positioning the expected number of ASHAs in the State. In fact, the number of ASHAs already selected upto 19th July, 2006, in the State is 44,799.

Uttar Pradesh has operationalised various strategies under the NRHM. The State has set up the Institutional Framework of the Mission including the State Health Mission and State and District Health Societies. They have also issued Government orders for setting up the Village Health and Sanitation Committee and Rogi Kalyan Samities. Besides the release of funds for ongoing Disease Control Programmes and other National Programmes, Rs. 180.45 crore was released to Uttar Pradesh for other NRHM initiatives during FY 2005-06. This amount was allocated for selection and training of ASHAs and her Drug Kits, untied funds for sub-centres, upgradation of CHCs to IPHS, additional drug supply to FRUs/CHCS and routine immunization.

Monitoring of clinical trials

*97. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the leading pharmaceutical companies have launched programmes for developing new drugs for curing diseases such as cancer, diabetes, arthritis, etc.;

(b) if so, the names of companies together with the products they have developed/are in the process of developing;

(c) whether the statutory clinical trials have been completed, if not, the stage at which these trials are being conducted;

(d) what efforts are being made to avoid side effects on consumption of such drugs and whether the developments are monitored by Government agencies; and

(e) by when these drugs would be ready for use?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A number of Indian Pharmaceutical companies have launched drug discovery/development programmes. Some of the new drugs being developed are indicated for cancer, diabetes, arthritis etc.

Information regarding companies together with products being developed is annexed as per Statement (*See* below).